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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP, OVIP, (HOLBROOKE, RICHARD)

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL: PROPOSED VISIT TO EAST ASIA

REF: A. STATE 67236; B. JAKARTA 3891.

1. YOUR SUGGESTED SCHEDULE (REFTEL B) LOOKS EXCELLENT.
FOLLOWING ARE SOME ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS AND QUESTIONS
REGARDING HOLBROOKE VISIT THAT HAVE OCCURRED TO US HERE.

2. TOPICS TO BE RAISED: WE WOULD LIKE YOUR SUGGESTIONS
AS TO THE PARTICULAR SUBJECTS HOLBROOKE MIGHT RAISE
DURING CALLS ON VARIOUS GOI OFFICIALS. IN ADDITION TO
A BROAD DISCUSSION OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY
TOWARD ASIA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA, WE THINK IT MIGHT BE
USEFUL TO HAVE AN EXCHANGE WITH INDIVIDUAL GOI OFFICIALS
ON SUCH TOPICS AS (A) THE APPROPRIATE U.S. ROLE VIS-A-VIS
ASEAN, (B) OUR CURRENT VIEWS ON CHINA AND VIETNAM,
(C) FUTURE U.S. DEFENSE POSTURE IN ASIA, (D) ADMINISTRATION'S
INTEREST IN LOS PROGRESS, (E) TIMOR, AND (F) HUMAN
RIGHTS. SINCE MINISTER WIDJOJO WILL BE MEETING WITH U.S.
DELEGATION AT IGGI IN AMSTERDAM ON APRIL 5-6 AND IS BEING
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INVITED TO VISIT WASHINGTON APRIL 13-16, WE ASSUME
ECONOMIC ISSUES WILL NOT BE MAJOR SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION
WITH HOLBROOKE. WE WILL LEAN HEAVILY ON YOUR JUDGEMENT,

HOWEVER, AS TO HOW TO PLAY THE VARIOUS MEETINGS WITH GOI
OFFICIALS.

3. PERSONS TO BE MET: YOUR SUGGESTED ARRANGEMENT FOR OFFICIAL CALLS (REF B) LOOKS FINE. HOLBROOKE WOULD STILL PREFER, HOWEVER, TO HAVE SEPARATE MEETING FROM CODEL WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO, IF IT IS FEASIBLE. WITH REGARD TO PERSONS OUTSIDE THE GOVERNMENT, WE LEAVE TO YOUR DISCRETION WHOM HOLBROOKE SHOULD MEET. HE IS, HOWEVER, PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN TALKING PRIVATELY WITH FORMER AMBASSADOR SOEDJATMOKO AND PERHAPS YOUR PROPOSED SMALL DINNER ON APRIL 12 WILL PERMIT THIS. (WE HAVE LEARNED INDIRECTLY THAT SOEDJATMOKO WILL BE IN WASHINGTON TODAY OR TOMORROW, BUT WE ARE DOUBTFUL THAT MEETING CAN BE ARRANGED HERE.) ANOTHER PROSPECT IS ROSIHAN ANWAR, WHOM HOLBROOKE KNOWS. HE ALSO RECALLS MEETING WITH ONE OF SENIOR EDITORS OF TEMPO DURING HIS LAST TRIP TO INDONESIA AND WOULD LIKE TO RENEW ACQUAINTANCES IF USIS COULD IDENTIFY THE EDITOR FROM LIST OF THOSE WHOM HOLBROOKE MET DURING THAT TRIP. IN GENERAL, HOLBROOKE IS INTERESTED IN TALKING TO GOOD CROSS-SECTION OF INDONESIANS IN AND OUTSIDE OF GOVERNMENT, ALTHOUGH HE ALSO WANTS TO LEAVE ADEQUATE TIME IN HIS SCHEDULE TO GET TOGETHER WITH EMBASSY STAFF.

4. APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS.
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